

## ATTORNEYS.

**Illustrations.**

**CITY HALL.**

**WIS' DRAMATIC COMPANY.**  
**THIS EVENING,**  
*August 18th,*  
**LAST NIGHT BUT TWO.**

**BENEFIT**  
**OF**  
**MR. G. ANDERSON.**

Under the Disinterested Patronage of  
**SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, C.B.,**  
**K.M.G.**

and permission, the Band of H. M.'s 8th  
regiment will attend, and play some favourite  
tunes.

—

Evening will be produced the Glorious  
Comedy, entitled  
"MASH AND HIS LADIES!"

MISS POMEROY.....M. GEOR. ANDERSON.  
CIBBER.....MR. C. HERBERT.  
Vane.....MR. T. TAYLOR.  
.....MR. J. ANDERSON.  
.....AN AMATEUR.  
.....MRS. EDWIN BYRNE.  
.....AN AMATEUR.  
BRUNUS.....HARRIET STAINFORD.

e. .... Miss J.  
t ..... Mrs. J.

Yane.....	Miss E. ROGERS.
son.....	Miss C. MAY.
lock.....	Miss F. NELSON.

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*To be preceded by the Comedietta*  
*" VALET DE SHAM."*

weezer.....	Mr. T. ANDREWS.
in Trivet.....	Mr. G. ANDERSON.
.....	Mr. J. R. TAYLOR.
Marchmont.....	Mrs. EDOUARD BEYER.

Open at 1/2 past 8; Perf  
9 o'clock

mission, \$2, to all parts of the House.  
may be secured at Messrs. LANE, CRAW-  
& Co's.  
5 Hongkong, 16th August, 1873.

Teamship

"KWANGTUNG"  
 was despatched as above TO-DAY, the 18th  
 inst, at 3 P.M., instead of the time previously  
 ad.  
 For Freight or Passage, apply to  
 MESSRS. LUKAS & LAFFRAIC & Co.  
 7 Hongkong, 14th August, 1873.  
 JOSEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.  
 FOR SHANGHAI.  
*For Cargo and Passengers at through rates for*  
 HANKOW, NINGPO, and PORTS in  
 JAPAN.  
 The Company's Steamship  
 "ANTENOR"  
 was despatched on or about the 23rd inst.  
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Hongkong, 18th Aug

**Notices to Consignees.**

**NOTICE.**

**CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO,  
EX O. S. S. CO.'S S. S. AJAX,  
FROM LIVERPOOL.**

Shipping Orders must be obtained from  
the undersigned not later than the 19th

BUTTERFIELD

53 Hongkong, 18th August, 1878.  
 ANCON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.  
 CONSIGNEES per Company's steamer  
 AJAX are hereby notified that, the  
 cargo is being discharged into Craft, and the  
 cargo is to be landed in Godowns of the  
 Godowns of the undersigned, in both  
 cases to be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown  
 after the 17th August, 1873.  
 Goods undelivered after 25th August, 1873,  
 are subject to Rent.  
 BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
 Agents.  
 54 Hongkong, 18th August, 1878.  
 S. S. AMAZONE.

MARITIME  
RESERVE ONE

**NOTICE.**  
**CONSIGNEES** of Cargo per **S. S. INDUS**,  
 from London, in connection with the  
 steamer, are hereby informed, that their  
 cargo is landed and stored at their risk in  
 the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may  
 be obtained from **MONDAY**, the 18th August:  
 10 A.M.  
 ALL **GENERAL CARGO** will be forwarded to its

signees before noon?  
be landed here.

Large remaining unclaimed after WEDNES-  
DAY, the 20th instant, at noon, will be subject  
to demurrage and landing charges.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the  
Agent.  
G. BERTRAND,  
Agent.

HONGKONG, 13th AUGUST  
BRITISH STEAMER

SAIGON AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate deli-

impeding the discharge  
ed at Consignees' risk

K'WONG HING.  
*Praya, No. 57.*  
 and 1323 Hongkong, 14th August, 1873.  
 BRITISH SHIP *SIR HARRY PARKES*,  
 FROM LONDON.  
 CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named  
 Vessel are requested to send in their Bills  
 Lading to the Undersigned for countersigna-  
 ture, and to take immediate delivery of their

landed and stored in

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.  
of 1906 Hongkong, 12th August, 1873.

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MARITIMES.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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CONSIGNEES of the following cargo are

undersigned for con-  
mediate delivery; t

added and stored at their risk and expense.  
No fire insurance has been effected.  
C. BERTRAND,  
Principal Agent.  
Ex S. S. "Ava," 10th April, 1872.  
B&O or TFB 1 and 2, 2 cases Merchandise.

Ex "Hoogly," 13th 1

NS in diamond, 1/12... 12 cases Merchandise.  
A } ... 2 cases Fruits.  
D 2 }  
Hongkong, 11th August, 1873,







## Post-Office Notifications

For Shanghai.—Per *Shanghai* French Mail Packet China, to-day, the 18th inst., at 7 A.M.  
For Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Tamsui—*Per Kwantung*, to-day, the 18th inst., at 10 P.M., instead of at the time previously mentioned.  
For Shanghai.—Per *Ajwa*, to-morrow, the 19th inst., at 3.30 P.M.

**MAILS BY THE "FRENCH PICKET"**  
The French Mail Packet "FRENCH PICKET" will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 23rd inst., at noon, with the Mails—  
To and through the United Kingdom via the *Aravantes*; to France and other Continental Ports (in a closed mail to France), to Saigon, Singapore, Cebu, Calcutta, Madras, Bombay, Rangoon, Yokohama, Kaniko and Mauritius, &c., to Alexandria.  
The Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Newspapers, Books, &c., at 10 A.M.

Money Orders on any of the Money Order  
offices in the United Kingdom will be granted  
at 5 P.M. on the 23rd instant.

Letters for Registration will be received  
at 10 A.M. on the 24th instant.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
*Postmaster General.*

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 16th August, 1873.

MAILS BY THE "ENGLISH PACKET."  
The English Contract Packet "ENGLISH  
PACKET" will be dispatched with the usual  
freight for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the  
30th instant, at noon.

Money Orders on any of the Money Order  
offices in the United Kingdom will be granted  
at 5 P.M. on the 23rd instant.

Letters for registration will be received  
at 10 A.M. on the 30th instant.

Letters, &c., may be posted during the night  
the box left open for their reception.

Letters for registration will be received until  
10 A.M. on the 30th instant.

Letters may be posted until 10 A.M. on the  
30th instant, without late fee.

Letters posted at 10 A.M. on the 30th  
instant will not be forwarded unless the *Late*  
fee of 15 cents each as well as the postage is  
prepaid.

The latest time for posting Letters at this  
Office is 11 A.M. and for Newspapers, Books, or  
Packets 10 A.M. on the 30th instant.

Late letters (but Letters only) addressed to  
the United Kingdom via Brindisi, or to Singapore,  
may be posted on board the Packet  
for Registration, at the time of sailing, on payment  
of a *Late Fee* of 48 cents each in addition  
to the postage.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
*Postmaster General.*

General Post Office,  
—Hongkong, 16th August, 1873.

It is hereby notified that henceforward the  
mark upon

Postage for Letters forwarded via Southampton, will be 28 cents per half-ounce, prepayment optional. Unpaid Letters will be subject to an additional charge on delivery.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 22nd August, 1873.

It is hereby notified that the rates of postage for Letters forwarded from the United Kingdom, and to the United Kingdom, when forwarded by French Packet, will be the same as those chargeable on Letters forwarded by British Packet via Brindisi.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 29th April, 1872.

It is hereby notified for general information, that the Postage on Letters addressed to Hongkong, when forwarded via Southampton, will be 36 cents for each half ounce, prepayment optional. Unpaid Letters will be subject to an additional charge on delivery.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 23rd August, 1870.

The Post Office of Victoria (Australia) having given notice to the General Post Office in London that articles of Jewellery received in that Colony are chargeable with Customs Duties, the undersigned considers it necessary to make the following Regulation known to the Public, and to the Colonies, that any Letters or packets containing

such articles sent through the Post are liable, with their contents, to be forfeited.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
*Postmaster General.*

General Post-Office,  
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1873.

It is hereby notified that henceforward the postage on letters addressed to New-foundland, will be paid in advance, will be as follows, viz. —

When forwarded via Brisids.....	34 cents each pound.
When forwarded via Manuel.....	34 " " "
When forwarded via Southampton.....	28 " " "

F. W. MITCHELL,  
*Postmaster General.*

General Post-Office,  
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1873.

It is hereby notified for general information that, the Postage (which must be paid in advance) upon letters addressed to Prince Edward Island, will henceforward be as follows, viz. —

When forwarded via Brisids.....	42 cents each half-ounce.
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When forwarded via  
Marseilles..... 38 cents each half-ounce.  
When forwarded via  
Southampton..... 25 cents each half-ounce  
F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.  
General Post-Office,  
Hongkong, 28th July, 1870.

Arrangements having been made under which Mails for London arriving at Suex from China by Private Ships will be forwarded to destination via Brindisi, it is hereby notified that the rates of postage, which must be paid in advance, on correspondence addressed to the United Kingdom so forwarded, will be as follows, viz. :—

For Letters.....	24 cents per half ounce.
For Newspapers.....	10 " each.
For Books and Patterns.....	not exceeding 1 ounce 1 cents. " " 2 " " " " 4 " " " " 6 " " " " 8 " " " " 10 " "

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.  
General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 20th December, 1871.

It is hereby notified that arrangements have

been completed, and the Letters from Hongkong may be forwarded to Nankook via Shanghai, and to Hogo via Yokohama, by United States' Mail Packets, and that Letters for Hongkong and places beyond Hongkong, may be forwarded from Nankook and Hogo by United States' Mail Packets via Shanghai and Yokohama respectively.

The rates of postage chargeable on such correspondence is four cents for each half-ounce on Letters, two cents on each of such Newspaper, and two cents on each two ounces of Books and Packets of Samples of Merchandise, in addition to the Rates specified in the Table of Rates of Postage at present in force.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
*Postmaster-General.*

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 16th January, 1871.

It is hereby notified that Letters addressed to France may be sent either paid or unpaid at the rate of 12 cents per letter; but the postage on Printed Current, Newspapers and Books cannot be prepaid.

For each ounce

The rate of postage chargeable on Letters addressed to France per  
French Packet is ..... 12 cents  
per British Packet when marked with

Brindisi..... 18 "

Per British Packet when marked via  
Alexandria and Marseilles..... 12 "

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

General Post-Office,  
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1872.



## Extracts.

## GONE ARE THE YANKERS.

A COCKNEY WAIL.  
The great Prof. J. I. have done,  
In many a town and tent I've found them,  
I think I've travelled to the setting sun,  
And every where I've found them,  
Like Lambs, in the arms of their Grail,  
From Western Boreholes to Yankee Dan,  
I've been a seer, yet I sadly find  
To find the genuine type American.

Where is the object of my youthful wonder,  
Who met me in the pines of Sam Slick?  
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THE SKULL OF SHAKESPEARE.  
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brated persons, one day received a visit from  
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This bird is common in all parts of our  
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was brought in the last brown  
By old bluecoat sitting on a green place  
Then the great horn's hand from on high,  
Crested with boys and rosenary.

White rosethe merry wasal bowl,  
Garnished with ribbons, little did I know,  
To say nothing of the roast beef and plum-  
pudding, Christmas pies, fennel, and snap-  
dragons, the Yule-log and the mistletoe have  
not finally abdicated, while the host's head,  
decorated with rosenary or prickly holly,  
maintains its place at the English Christmas  
dinner, and is still served up in great state  
at the Royal Christmas dinner.—Christmas  
throughout Christendom, in Herper's New  
Monthly Magazine.

## A HURRICANE IN THE CRIMEA.

Within a week after the battle of In-  
kermann a storm of terrific violence swept  
over the Black Sea, producing indescrib-  
able confusion among the ships of war and the  
transport. The hurricane which  
had caused the disasters on the sea produced  
consequences even more terrible on the land.  
It came rushing over the plateau on which  
the greater part of the English army was  
stationed, carrying away the tents, breaking  
the tent-poles, tearing the canvas to tatters,  
scouring the contents with rain, tearing the  
very mud from the rocks and dashing it in  
the faces of the soldiers, who were attempting  
to save something from the general wreck.  
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Gone are the Yankers of my early readings!  
Faded the lands of our early youth,  
I met with culture, courtesy, and breeding,  
Art, letters, and the women of the best,  
Oh! I follow them, all my hopes are undimmed,  
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THE SKULL OF SHAKESPEARE.  
A certain French Baron, whose scientific  
tastes led him to collect the skulls of cele-  
brated persons, one day received a visit from  
a man with whom he was acquainted to deal.  
"What do you bring me here?" asked  
the Baron, as the man slowly unwrapped a  
carefully enveloped package.

"The skull of Shakespeare,"  
"Impossible!"  
"I speak the truth, Monsieur le Baron.  
Here is proof of what I say," said the dealer,  
producing some papers.

"But," replied the Baron, drawing aside  
the paper, which concealed his own singular  
collection. "I already possess that skull."  
"He must have been a very good dealer,"  
said the man, "was the remark of the honest  
dealer. "Who was it, Monsieur?"

"Your father," said the Baron in a mild  
tone, "he said it to me about twenty-nine  
years ago."  
The broker was for a moment disconcerted,  
then explained, with vivacity:

"I comprehend. Be good enough to ob-  
serve the small dimensions of the skull on  
your shelf. I remark the narrow occiput, the  
undeveloped forehead, where intelligence is  
still mute; it is of Shakespeare certainly,  
but Shakespeare as a child about 12 or 14  
years old, whereas this is that of Shakespeare  
when he had attained a certain age, and had  
become the great genius of which England  
is so justly proud."

The Baron bought the second head.

This bird is common in all parts of our  
island, and is a wild state, is very destruc-  
tive in the spring to the buds that contain  
the blossom of different fruits, especially  
stone fruit, such as plums and cherries. It  
has been said these birds go for a "small  
maggot," but whether there is a small maggot  
in some of the buds or not is not known to  
the enter of the blossom—it is very pos-  
sible the bullfinch does not leave us a chance  
to see, after it has inserted its strong bill  
into it. I have known trees perfectly strip-  
ped of blossom by these birds, leaving a strong  
proof of the damage done, on the ground  
below, the proof being buds, scales, and frag-  
ments of flowers. They are very partial to  
the raspberries in summer, and I have no  
doubt they and their young are very de-  
structive in the autumn and winter they feed on  
seeds, such as the most bluish blackberry, herbs of  
various kinds, the ash, and many more seeds,  
which they find either on the ground or still  
hanging on their stems. At this time of the  
year they go in small flocks of pairs, and  
when disturbed, fly off singly, one taking the  
lead, the others following individually until  
all have left the flock, then only a few  
seconds before they were perhaps partaking  
of a meal; if this occurs on a hedge it is  
often repeated in short distances for a long  
way down the side, until they either come  
to another hedge or settle on the boughs of  
a tree. They are more often seen on the ash  
than on any other; if this tree stands in the  
hedge, they are almost sure not to pass  
it; but if disturbed here, they will fly  
over the hedge and settle on the place where  
they first started.—From "Outdoor Companion  
Birds."

## Insurances.

LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.  
137, LADYMAN STREET, LONDON.  
ESTABLISHED 1843.  
THE Underigned is authorized to accept  
risks on behalf of this Office, by First  
Class Steamers sailing weekly.  
At Hongkong, 1st July, 1873.  
MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COM-  
PANY OF MANCHESTER AND  
LONDON.  
THE Underigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at Hong-  
kong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Han-  
kow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at  
Current Rates.  
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
155, Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.  
FROM this date, until further notice, a dis-  
count of twenty per cent. (20%) upon the  
current local rates of premium will be allowed  
upon insurances effected with this Company.  
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.,  
Agents.  
1189 Hongkong, 27th June, 1872.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.  
FROM and after this date, a Discount of 20  
per cent. on the current rates of Premium  
will be allowed to all contributors.  
ROBERT S. WALKER & Co.,  
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.  
1162 Hongkong, 24th June, 1872.

QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.  
FROM and after this date, until further  
notice, a Discount of Twenty per cent.  
(20%) upon current local rates of Premium  
will be returned on Insurances against fire, effected  
with this Office.  
NORTON, LYALL & Co.,  
Agents.  
1174 Hongkong, 25th June, 1872.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.  
FROM and after this date the following rates  
will be charged on SHORT PERIOD  
Insurances, viz:—  
Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 per cent.  
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Above 3 months, 1/2 do. do.  
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DETACHED and semi-detached Dwell-  
ing Houses removed from town, 1/2 per cent.  
Other Dwelling Houses, 1/2 per cent.  
Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and 1/2 per cent.  
on the contents.  
GILMAN & Co., Agents.  
1167 Hongkong, 24th June, 1872.

NOTICE.  
THE annual rates for Fire Insurances on the  
various classes of Buildings and their con-  
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YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCI-  
ATION OF SHANGHAI.  
CAPITAL AND SURPLUS 785,000 TAELS.  
POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all  
parts of the World, at current rates.  
This Association will, until further notice,  
dividend of 15% for shareholders on Capital,  
and thereafter distribute among Policy Holders  
annually, in cash, ALL the profits of the  
Underwriting Business pro rata to amount of  
premium contributed.

NOTICE.  
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## Insurances.

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